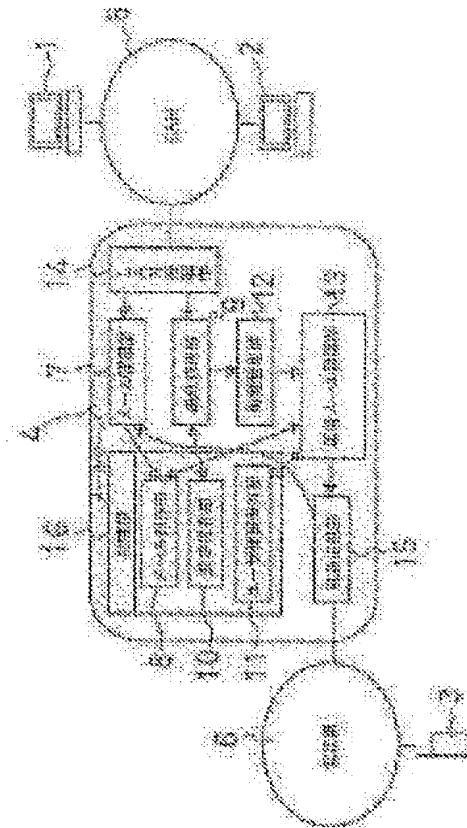


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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To manage electronic mails while classifying them into newly arrived mails and mails whose arrival has already been reported with a small storage capacity by reporting the arrival of electronic mails to each user depending on its mail reception quantity and on a received time segment or the like. **SOLUTION:** A mail management section 7 manages an electronic mail from a communication unit 1 and a mail storage section 8 stores it. A setting management section 9 manages a mail confirming period from a communication unit 2 and a setting storage section 10 stores it, and the setting management section 9 generates a mail confirmation period table.; A mail confirmation section 13 generates a mail list according to a mail confirmation request instruction outputted from a time management section 12 at a confirmation time on the period list, calls a telephone number of a communication unit 3 stored in a user information storage section 11 when the list indicates a newly arrived mail, transmits the mail list to the communication unit 3 so as to inform the unit 3 of the presence of the newly-arrived mail. The mail confirmation period can be set to each user and each time zone. An identifier denoting that the notice of the arrival of mail has already been made is added to a header of mails whose arrival has already been reported.



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